



# Kangerlussuaq, Greenland

## 2016 ATom Deployment Guide

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## BEFORE ARRIVAL

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

All visitors to Kangerlussuaq require a valid passport for entry. US Citizens and US Nationals do not require a visa and may enter and leave freely. Citizens of the UK and EU countries do not need visas. Chinese citizens do except, “Citizens with a “Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” passport, a “Regiao Administrativa Especial de Macau” passport or a “British National Overseas” passport are exempt from the visa requirement.

All other international passport holders intending to visit Kangerlussuaq should confirm their visa requirements. Keep your passport safely stored and carry a photocopy of your passport with you at all times.

### CUSTOMS

All personnel entering Kangerlussuaq on the DC-8 must:

- Declare currency or monetary instruments over \$10,000 U.S. or foreign equivalent
- Declare any fruits, plants, meats, food, soil, birds, insects, or other live animals, farm products, or any agricultural commodities, regardless of their country of origin
- Declare any alcoholic beverages – DO NOT bring alcoholic beverages into Kangerlussuaq. LEAVE ALL ALCOHOL PRODUCTS ON PLANE.
- Declare any cigarettes or tobacco products
- Declare any articles for business or sale
- Declare any firearms or ammunition

### CDC RECOMMENDATIONS

You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. See [http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/greenland?s\\_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/greenland?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001) for more details.

### CURRENCY

The currency of Kangerlussuaq is the Danish Krone. Current exchange rate is 6.78:1.

There are no banks in Kangerlussuaq but there is an ATM at the airport and the stores and restaurants take Visa.

## SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, August 20</b>	<b>Sunday, August 21</b>	<b>Monday, August 22</b>
≈ 16:52 arrival from Lajes	Instrument access	≈ 12:00 departure

## DAILY SCHEDULE

While work and aircraft access schedules will generally follow normal business hours (08:00-17:00) schedule details and updates will be posted to the list serve and posted on the ATom website -

<https://espo.nasa.gov/atom>.

## SITE ORIENTATION

### ESPO SITE SUPPORT

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### PER DIEM

2016 Per Diem rates as set by the Department of Defense

<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/perdiemCalc.cfm>

Locality	Maximum Lodging	Local Meals	Local Incidental	Maximum Per Diem	Effective Date
KANGERLUSSUAQ	196	86	22	304	03/01/2016

\* All rates are in US Dollars

### LODGING

All ATom participants will stay at the Kangerlussuaq International Science Support (KISS) facility, which is walking distance from where the DC-8 will park. The hotel rate is 300 DKK/night (no tax). ESPO has booked the rooms and will pick up the keys prior to DC-8 arrival. ESPO will meet the plane and distribute the keys. Participants can check in when time allows and have room charged to their credit cards.

The bathrooms are communal and there are two on the second floor. There are 2 communal kitchens. Laundry is free but bring your own detergent (ESPO will provide). Although bathroom is coed, they have stalls for toilets and showers so only sinks are openly shared.

Power is 110V (US type plugs) in the facility. Expect it to be 220V anywhere else.

The KISS building has several shared meeting rooms. There is also an office area with computers/printers and a workshop that was available.

There is also a gym near the KISS building that can be used for a daily charge of about \$4

### TRANSPORTATION

Only a couple rental cars are available so ESPO will rent them for ESPO and the flight crew. The plan is to provide a flatbed truck to transport luggage to the KISS building. A restaurant is walking distance from KISS

and, although the terminal restaurant is about a mile walk to the other side of the airfield, taxis are available. Phone numbers are 565656 & 531893.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### *INTERNET*

Wi-Fi will be arranged by ESPO. You will be provided a user name and password upon arrival. Please limit your internet usage to work and contact with home. The bill will reflect our usage and will be paid by ESPO. Speed is expected to be 2mbps down and 1mbps.

**We recommend turning off data on any mobile device while in Kangerlussuaq as data roaming rates are very high.**

### *VOICE AND TEXT*

You will pay international rates when calling or sending text messages. It is recommended that you use the wifi (email and text message and Skype) to communicate.

- The Kangerlussuaq country code is +299.
- To call a U.S. number while in Kangerlussuaq, dial plus sign, then 1, then 10-digit number.
- To call a local number while in Kangerlussuaq, dial plus sign, then 299, then local number.

### *MET OFFICE*

The Met Office is located next to the grocery store behind the hotel on the terminal side of the airport. It is open 24/7.

## AIRCRAFT ACCESS

The ATom mission badges will be sufficient for aircraft access.

## SHIPPING

Shipping into Kangerlussuaq is very limited. If there is an urgent requirement, contact ESPO and they will see if the item can be sent DHL to New York and then via the Air National Guard to Kangerlussuaq.

## HEALTH

Medical services are minimal. You will probably have to be airlifted to a bigger city, such as Nuuk. Be sure your insurance can cover that. Medical Aid: +299 86 88 12

## STORES/RESTAURANTS

(See map on page 7)

Kangerlussuaq has limited options when it comes to stores and restaurants. The Thai restaurant next to the KISS offers some breakfast and lunch/dinner options. Breakfast at the hotel would be approximately 99 DKK (includes a buffet of tea/coffee/juice and some cold meats, rolls and a little eggs/bacon). The hours of the cafeteria are 6:30-9:30am and lunch/dinner 10am-9pm (hot meals from musk ox burgers to spaghetti for about 100-200 DKK).

Groceries can be purchased near the hotel at the market (hours are 0900-1800 Monday-Friday and 0900-1300 on the weekends. It has small convenience store items and groceries and sandwich meat and bread, fruit and chips, and yogurts, frozen foods, candy and drinks. There is one souvenir shop that has a variable schedule (around commercial flights).

There is a post office next to the grocery store (hours are Monday-Friday 0900-1100/1300-1500, and Saturday 1100-1300).

## UPON DEPARTURE

Preflight will begin approximately three hours prior to takeoff.

You are responsible for obtaining the food you want to take on the outbound flight.

## WEATHER

Weather is expected to be 40-70°F in August. Mosquitos are mostly June/July. There are tours of the glaciers year round if time allows. It is expected to be very foggy at this time of year.

## NATURAL HAZARDS

No real natural hazards except the isolation.

# MAPS

## Kangerlussuaq



# Airport Terminal Area



DC-8 and KISS Area

